

Idaho State Bar  
Environment and Natural Resources Section

Meeting Minutes  
September 23, 2015

Introduction and New Section Officer Meetings: This was the first Section meeting since the Section's new officers were elected. Dylan Lawrence reported on recent Idaho State Bar's section council orientation meeting and the Section's officer transition meeting. Dylan would like to conduct less Section business during the monthly CLE meetings to give the presenters more time for their topics, and he would like to review the Section's process to consider donation requests.

Financial Report: Tyson Nelson presented the Section's financial report dated August 31, 2015.

Non-Lawyer Members in the Section: Dylan asked for the members for ideas on how to involve non-lawyer professionals in the environment and natural resources fields to participate in the Section. The membership discussed inviting non-lawyers to participate as members of the Section, holding a networking event for membership and non-lawyer professionals, and inviting academics and other professionals to Section meetings.

Sponsoring an Advocate Edition: Practice sections must notify Dan Black at the Bar by September 30, 2015, if they would like to sponsor an edition of the Advocate. The Advocate has already scheduled practice section sponsors through April or May 2016. Nick Warden will be the Section's Advocate coordinator and will notify Dan Black that the Section would like to sponsor an edition of the Advocate.

Location of Monthly Section Meetings: The membership decided to hold monthly meetings at the office of Givens Pursley. Peter Barton and Preston Carter will coordinate the lunch at the meetings.

CLE Planning: The membership discussed ideas for Section's science and the law CLE in January 2016. Emmi Blades will coordinate the CLE. Possible topics include sage grouse, building coalitions, and the working with government as a co-party and opposing party in litigation. Members should send their topic ideas to Emmi, and she will narrow the general topic and contract speakers for the CLE.

The membership discussed the following topics for monthly CLE meetings:

- Legislative wrap-up in the Spring
- Clean power plan (topic for the October meeting)
- Sage grouse ESA no-listing decision and management plans
- Waters of the U.S. rule and lawsuit
- Food Safety Modernization Act
- Simplot's genetically modified potato
- Oil and gas activities
- Clearwater Paper's new digester

The November meeting will be rescheduled to November 18.